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Sale of SMV Scrap

1. On or about 5 August 1949, SIPIAGIN [redacted] Russian, arrived from Moscow and was assigned to the SMV Purchasing Office. It is believed that SIPIAGIN will replace MITELMAN, SMV purchasing official, and it is already apparent that he has been given a special assignment to purchase scrap iron. SMV headquarters has issued an order to SMV subsidiary firms forbidding the sale of scrap to USIA or any other purchaser. SIPIAGIN has requisitioned a number of railroad cars which are to collect scrap from various SMV installations for delivery to SDGP docks. Heretofore, almost all SMV scrap has been sold directly to USIA and transported to dockside landings by the Soviet-controlled transport firm, Juschwneschtrans.\*

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Seamless Piping

2. Procurement of seamless piping continues to be of primary importance to SMV officials. On 8 August 1949, all SMV purchasing agents were directed to purchase both new and used seamless pipe at any price and in any currency. The SMV has received to date the following types of piping; 14", 10 3/4", and 6 5/8" casing pipe; 6 5/8" pump shafts; and 2", 2 1/2", and 3" oil pipe (Steigröhre); from the Andreyeva metallurgical plant in USSR.
3. Sometime between 3 and 8 August 1949, the SMV Central Warehouse in Neusiedl received 59.74 tons of seamless piping, a total of 799 pieces, which were shipped from the "New Pipe Works Stalin" in Pylatnikov [redacted] via Mukachevo where this shipment was transferred to three Austrian freight cars. During this period the SMV Central Warehouse also received five carloads, containing 1,500 sacks of barite, weighing a total of 75.4 tons [redacted]. Both of these shipments were delivered to the SMV Central Warehouse in Neusiedl by Juschwneschtrans.

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on or about 25 July 1949, USIA shop stewards distributed questionnaires to USIA employees regarding length of service, salary, number of dependents and similar personal data. The ostensible purpose of these questionnaires was to determine those individuals needing financial assistance, but USIA employees believe the questionnaires may be used to solicit contributions to the KPOe election campaign fund.

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